

vonshire, and gave her a very smart Fire. By the Time the new Breechings were all seized, I was got almost along side the Trident of 64 Guns, whom I engaged as soon as possible, and silenced by as brisk a Fire as I could make. Just before I attacked her, observing the Kent, which seemed to have little or no Damage, at some Distance a-stern of the Tonnant, I hung out Capt. Fox's Pendant to make sail a-head to engage her, as I saw it was in his power to get close up with her; she being somewhat disabled, having lost her Main topmast. Seeing some of our Ships at that Time not so closely engaged as I could have wished, and not being well able to distinguish who they were, I hung out the signal for coming to a closer Engagement. Soon after, I got a long side within Musquet shot of the Terrible, of 74 Guns and 700 Men. Near 7 at Night she called out for Quarters.

Thus far I have been particular, with regard to the share the Devonshire had in the Action of that Day. As to the other Ships, as far as fell within my Notice, their Commanders, Officers and Companies, behaved with the greatest spirit and Resolution, in every Respect like Englishmen. Only I am sorry to acquaint their Lordships, that I must except Capt. Fox, whose Conduct on that Day I beg they would give Directions for enquiring into at a Court Martial.

Having observed that six of the Enemy's Ships had struck, and it being very dark, and our Ships dispersed, I thought it best to bring to for that Night; and seeing a great firing a long Way a-stern of me, I was in hopes to have seen more of the Enemy's Ships taken in the Morning; but instead of that I received the melancholy Accounts of Capt. Saumarez's being killed, and that the Tonnant had escaped in the Night, by the Assistance of the Intrepid; who, by having the Wind of our Ships, had received no Damage that I could perceive. Immediately I called a Council of War.

As to the French Convoy's escaping, it was not possible for me to detach any Ships after them at first, or during the Action, except the Frigates; and that I thought would be imprudent, as I observed several large Ships of War among them; and to confirm me in this Opinion, I have since learned that they had the Content of 64 Guns, and many Frigates from 36 Guns downwards. However I took a step which seemed to me the most probable to intercept them; for as soon I could man and victual the Weazle Sloop, I detached her with an Express to Commodore Legge.

As the Enemy's Ships were large, except the Severn, they took a great deal of shelling, and lost all their Masts; excepting two, who had their Foremasts left: this has obliged me to be by for two Days past, in order to put them into a Condition to be brought into Port, as well as our own, which have suffered greatly.

I have sent this Express by Capt. Moore of the Devonshire, in the Hector; and it would be doing great Justice to Merit, not to say, that he signalized himself greatly in the Action.

We have taken,		Guns.
	Le Monarque,	74
	Le Terrible,	74
	Neptune,	70
	Le Trident,	64
	Le Fougeaux,	64
	Severn,	50

Since writing the above, I have received certain Intelligence, that the Terrible, Neptune, Fougeaux, and Severn, were detained for Martinico, to bring home a Fleet from thence.

A List of his Majesty's Ships of the Line of Battle, under the Command of Rear-Admiral Hawk, in the late Action.

Ships.		Commanders.	Men.	Guns.
Rates,	Devonshire,	Rear-Adm. Hawk,	550	66
	Kent,	Capt. Moore,	480	64
	Edinburg,	Capt. Fox,	480	70
	Yarmouth,	Capt. Cotes,	500	64
	Mo month,	Capt. Saunders,	480	70
	r. Louisa,	Capt. Harrison,	400	60
	Windsor,	Capt. Watson,	400	60
	Lyon,	Capt. Hanway,	400	60
	Ilbary,	Capt. Scott,	400	60
	Nottingham,	Capt. Harland,	400	60
	Defiance,	Capt. Saumarez,	400	60
	Eagle,	Capt. Bentley,	400	60
Rates,	Gloucester,	Capt. Rodney,	400	60
	Portland,	Capt. Durell,	300	50
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List of the French Squadron, under the Command of M. de L'Etendiere, Chef de Descadre.

Ships.		Men.	Guns.
Escaped,	Le Tonnant,	822	80
	L'Intepide,	686	74
	Le Terrible,	686	74
Taken,	Le Monarque,	686	74
	Le Neptune,	686	74
	Le Trident,	650	64
	Le Vougeaux,	650	64
	Severn,	550	50
		5416	554

L O N D O N .

October 22. This morning major-general Bland set out for Scotland, to take upon him the command of the forces there.

They write from the Hague, that the last Paris Alaman contains verbatim the following far-fetch'd article from Rome, viz.

'The Chevalier de St. George has received a letter from Pr. E——— his eldest son, importing, that after many repeated intreaties, the French court has at last agreed to second him in his fresh attempts, on his producing several letters from his friends in S———, &c. which give him great encouragement to come amongst them, and r——— the fall of many of his late brave followers.'

October 24. From Paris we are told, that the friends and advocates of the house of Stuart begin to swarm in that capital, but with what view was not publicly declared.

Six men of war are ordered to be fitted out with all expedition, to cruise on the coast of Scotland, for the security of those parts.

By letters that came from Italy by yesterday's mail to Kensington, there is an account, that the king of Sardinia had attacked marshal Belleisle, and intirely defeated him.

Thursday it was reported, that one of our men of war had engaged, a few leagues distant from the coast of Ireland; a French privateer of 36 guns and 300 men; in which the privateer was sunk, and the greatest part of her crew lost.

Yesterday two expresses arrived at the secretary's office from the Hague, one from the Duke, and the other from the Earl of Sandwich, with dispatches of the greatest importance.

B O S T O N , January 4.

Extract of a Letter from Lisbon, dated October 31, 1747.

'We have the pleasure to inform you, that the Glorious, a Spanish man of war of 74 bass guns, who has fortunately escaped three attacks of the English, in her voyage from the West-Indies, immense rich, arrived at the Groyne, where she landed her money, but coming from thence for Cadiz, was attacked by the royal family privateers, and soon after by the Russel man of war of 80 guns, who took her, and brought her safe into this river. We hear she has considerable effects conceal'd on board, besides cocoa, &c. so that she may turn out a valuable prize. Before she fell in with her, the Dartmouth man of war of 50 guns, Capt. Hamilton, fought her three hours with the greatest resolution and conduct, but she had the misfortune to blow up by an accident on board their own ship. The lieutenant with only 17 sailors were saved, all the rest perished.'

A N N A P O L I S .

By Capt. Alexander, from Glasgow, we learn, that before he left Scotland, which was the beginning of December, they had certain Accounts there, of His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland's late Arrival in London, in good Health; and that at that Time they had no Accounts of the Dutch having actually declared War, but that it was hourly expected, as the Communion in Holland were continually rising in Mob, and requiring it of the States.

We hear from Charles County, of the Death of Mr. JOHN COURTS, who was at the Time of his Death, and has been for many Years, a Representative for that County: He died of the Pleurisy, after having recovered of the same Disorder Twenty-nine Times. He was remarkably Hospitable, and is much lamented by all his Acquaintance.

Custom House, ANNAPOLIS, Entered,
Sloop Sarah, James Goodridge, from Boston.
Ship Thistle, Hugh Coulter, from Bolton.
Sloop Humming Bird, John West, from Virginia.
Sloop Danlop, David Alexander, from Glasgow.

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